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PETITION FOR A ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed January 24, 2002, the undersigned hereby petitions for a one month extension of time to respond. A check in the amount of \$55 is attached to satisfy the extension of time fee. If any additional fees are required to gain entry of the amendment or to grant this petition, the Commissioner is authorized to charge attorney's deposit account 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson).

Please amend the claims to place the application in *prima facie* condition for allowance by incorporating the feature set forth in claim 38 into independent claims 36, 37 and 40, as set forth below. Since claim 38 was previously of record and distinguishes the invention from the cited references, no significantly new issues are raised by this amendment.

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 38. Please amend claims 36, 37 and 40 as follows (clean